

Testimonials

OF

ROBERT WM. HEWSON, L.R.C.P. & L.R.C.S.,
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SENIOR ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER, MANCHESTER ROYAL
LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

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To the Committee of the Wilts. County Asylum.

Royal Asylum, Cheadle, near Manchester,
23rd June, 1881.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Medical Superintendent of the Wilts. County Asylum, which is now vacant. I am qualified and registered both in Medicine and Surgery. I have held my present appointment as Senior Assistant Medical Officer to this Hospital for four years and eight months, where there are an average of one hundred and ninety patients resident; and in addition to this I have for many years been accustomed to the treatment of the Insane, and the general management of an Asylum, my Father having been for many years the Medical Superintendent of the Coton Hill Institution, near Stafford, and also prior to that for some years at Laverstock House, Salisbury.

I am in my Thirty-second year, and am married. I beg to enclose my Testimonials, and should I be fortunate enough to be appointed your Superintendent, it would be my earnest endeavour to promote the welfare of the Patients and the Asylum placed under my charge.

I am,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. HEWSON, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., EDIN.

Testimonials.

From Henry B. Jackson, Esq., Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Manchester Royal Lunatic Hospital, at Cheadle.

Basford House, Whalley Range,
Manchester, 21st June, 1881.

As Chairman of the Committee of the Cheadle Lunatic Asylum, I beg to state that Mr. R. W. HEWSON has held the post of Assistant Medical Officer since October, 1876, during which period he has had unusually favorable opportunities for becoming acquainted with the duties of his office, and I am in a position to state that he has discharged the same to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, who regard him as an able and accomplished officer.

HENRY B. JACKSON.

To the Managing Committee of
the Wilts. County Asylum.

From G. W. Mould, Esq., Medical Superintendent of the Manchester Royal Lunatic Asylum.

Manchester Royal Lunatic Asylum, Cheadle,
near Manchester, 23rd June 1881.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I understand there is a vacancy in the office of Medical Superintendent of the Wilts. County Asylum. Mr. R. W. HEWSON, the Senior Assistant Medical Officer here, informs me he is a candidate for the appointment, and has asked me to give my evidence as to his ability and fitness. I can very conscientiously do so, as he has for nearly the past five years faithfully and earnestly assisted me here, and I have had every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which he has done his work. He has had a very long and careful training, and full opportunity

of being thoroughly well versed in Asylum management in all its varied departments, especially in the moral and medical treatment of the patients, and the economy and routine so essential in the superintendence of daily asylum life.

He has excellent ability, has good method, is energetic and likes his work, and is very careful in the observance of all moral and social duties.

He has also assisted very materially in the occupation and amusements of the patients, and I have not the slightest doubt, should he be so fortunate as to obtain the office he seeks at your hands, you will find in him a thoroughly able and efficient Superintendent.

I am, my Lord and Gentlemen,

Your very obedient servant,

G. W. MOULD,

Medical Superintendent.

To the Committee of the Wilts.
County Asylum.

From Wm. Roberts, M.D., F.R.S. Physician to the Manchester Infirmary and Cheadle Lunatic Hospital.

39, Mosley Street, Manchester,

21st June, 1881.

Mr. R. W. HEWSON informs me that he is a candidate for the office of Superintendent of the Wilts. County Asylum, and I can say confidently that he is in every way highly qualified for such a post. Mr. HEWSON has had very extensive experience of the treatment of the insane, and is from temper and training remarkably well adapted for such a post as the one he is seeking.

He is of an obliging and courteous demeanour, and very easy to work with.

I can give him my strongest recommendation.

WM. ROBERTS, M.D., F.R.S.

To the Committee of the Wilts.
County Asylum.

*From John Ed. Morgan, M.D., M.A., (Oxon.), F.R.C.P.,
Lond., Professor of Medicine at the Victoria University,
Manchester ; Physician to the Cheadle Asylum
and Manchester Royal Infirmary.*

1, St. Peter's Square, Manchester,

November 11th, 1880.

I have known Mr. R. W. HEWSON for several years, and have had frequent opportunities of observing the manner in which he discharges his duties as Senior Assistant Medical Officer of the Cheadle Asylum. From all I have seen of him I can conscientiously declare that I entertain a very high opinion both of his attainments and his character. In my opinion he possesses in an eminent degree all the qualifications for successfully discharging the duties of such a post as that for which he is now a candidate ; he is firm, considerate to those under his charge, and painstaking in everything he undertakes. In his manner in dealing with the patients he is invariably cheerful and kind, and seems to gain their confidence and regard. I can most thoroughly recommend him to the Governors of the County Asylum, at Burntwood, as a gentleman in every way fitted to take charge of their Institution.

JOHN ED. MORGAN, M.D., M.A., (Oxon.)
F.R.C.P. Lond.

*From D. J. Leech, M.D., Professor of Materia Medica at the
Victoria University, Manchester, and Physician to the
Cheadle Asylum & Manchester Royal Infirmary.*

96, Mosley Street, Manchester,

June 24th, 1881.

I can most confidently recommend Mr. HEWSON for the office of Superintendent of the Wiltshire County Asylum. As one of the Visiting Physicians to the Manchester Royal Lunatic Hospital, Cheadle, I have seen much of his work. Courteous, able, and active, he is in every way fitted for the charge which he now seeks.

He has a thorough knowledge of mental diseases, and understands well the details of the management of an asylum.

I am sure that he will prove an extremely good administrator.

D. J. LEECH, M.D., M.R.C.P., ENG.

From Frank Renaud, M.D., Consulting Physician to the Royal Manchester Infirmary, to Coton Hill, and Clifton Hall Asylums, &c., &c.

18, Barton Arcade, Deansgate, Manchester,

October 7th, 1878.

It gives me pleasure to reiterate and amplify the testimony I furnished last year touching the efficiency of Dr. R. W. HEWSON as a Medical Superintendent of a Lunatic Asylum. For the two years that he has resided at the Royal Asylum at Cheadle, in Cheshire, as Assistant Medical Officer under its very able Resident, Mr. Mould, he has availed himself to the utmost of the great opportunities he has had of becoming intimately acquainted with all the details of this special branch of Medicine, and has acquired the confidence and esteem of every official with whom he has so frequently been brought into contact. Dr. R. W. HEWSON has had a wider experience of lunacy than most men of his years and standing, and I am confident will make an efficient and reliable Superintendent of Wonford House Hospital.

FRANK RENAUD, M.D.,

Consulting Physician to the Royal Manchester Infirmary, &c., &c.

From Dr. Hack Tuke, F.R.C.P.

Charlotte Street, Bedford Square, London,

October 8th, 1878.

I have great pleasure in expressing the strong opinion, founded upon personal knowledge, which I entertain of the peculiar fitness of Mr. R. W. HEWSON for the post of Medical Superintendent of the Wonford House Hospital for the Insane. His oppor-

tunities for observing the management and treatment of this class of patients have been exceptionally large, and he has successfully availed himself of them. His kind manners, genial disposition, and high moral character, no less than his practical experience, fit him, in an eminent degree, for taking charge of an Asylum for the Insane. If elected, I am confident that Mr. R. W. HEWSON will prove a very efficient officer, and will amply justify everything I have expressed in this testimonial.

D. HACK TUKE, M.D., F.R.C.P.

From the Rev. J. H. Theodosius, M.A., Chaplain of the Coton Hill Asylum, Stafford, and formerly Vicar of Ronton, Stafford.

Having been informed that Mr. R. W. HEWSON is a Candidate for the vacant Superintendentship of the Womford Asylum, I beg leave to bear some testimony to his character and general fitness for the appointment. I do this the more readily inasmuch as, having known him from his childhood, I can do so with confidence. The surroundings of his whole life have been such as, unconsciously perhaps, but none the less efficiently to qualify him for such an office. In the Coton Hill Institution, under his father's management, he has been constantly conversant with the treatment of insanity, as well as with the general administration of Asylum details, and he has always, in my judgment, shown a very observant intelligence, and lent himself with unfailing kindness, as well as with ready tact, in every serviceable way. I believe him to be actuated by a conscientious sense of responsibility, and whilst thoroughly devoting himself to his work, I am satisfied that he will not be found wanting in sympathetic interest and consideration. Of his technical fitness it will, of course, be for those technically qualified to bear record; but I feel sure in the event of his appointment, the Committee will find that they have secured a most trustworthy, valuable, and assiduous officer.

J. H. THEODOSIUS, M.A.,
*Chaplain of the Coton Hill Asylum, and formerly
Vicar of Ronton, Stafford.*

*From T. S. Clouston, M.D., Physician and Superintendent of
the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane.*

Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane,
Edinburgh, 19th October, 1877.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the professional character and abilities of Mr. R. W. HEWSON, and to his fitness for occupying the position of Medical Superintendent of the Wonford Hospital. I knew Mr. HEWSON during his studies in Edinburgh, and he was then an earnest student, devoting special attention to the practical part of his profession. He is very specially fitted for having the charge of such a Hospital from his experience of two of the very best of such Institutions in England, Coton Hill and Cheadle. The training and example of two such distinguished and successful Superintendents as his father and Mr. MOULD, afford the very best guarantee that Mr. HEWSON is qualified for the position he seeks.

T. S. CLOUSTON, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.

*Physician and Superintendent, Royal Edinburgh
Asylum.*

*From Thomas Annandale, Esq., Professor of Clinical Surgery,
of the Edinburgh University.*

34, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh,
October 17th, 1877.

Mr. R. W. HEWSON was well known to me as an excellent student of this School, and I consider him well qualified for the office of Medical Superintendent of the Wonford House Hospital, for the Insane. Mr. HEWSON acted as a Dresser and Clerk in my wards in the Royal Infirmary, so that I speak of his qualifications from personal observation.

THOMAS ANNANDALE,



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